[*English*]

Cases pending in Karnataka High Court

2914. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the nuber of cases pending as on January 1, 1992 in the Karnataka High Court;

(b) the number of cases writ petitions filed in the Karnataka High Court from Jaunary 1,1991 to the end of December, 1991; and

(c) the number of writ petitions and other cases disposed of as on January 1, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) 99067.

(b) Writ Petitions- 29365
Other cases- 34923

(c) Writ Petitions- 23689
Oher cases- 29385

Introduction of New Technologies in Ordnance Factories

2915. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce some new defence technologies in Ordnance Factories to produce most advanced amrs and ammunition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether for this purpose some new factories are also likely to be set up;

(d) if so, the locations thereof;

(e) whether these changes can meet the emerging challenges; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEU AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Ordnance Factories are in the process of production of cerain new items of arms & ammunition involoing new design technologies.

(b) It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details thereof.

(c) There is no proposal at present to set up any new ordnance factory.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). The emerging challenges are taken into account while planning manufacture of new items.

Seizure of Narcotic Drugs in Delhi

2917. SHRI BAREL AL JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the value of each of the narcotic drugs seized in Delhi during the last three months; and

(b) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) As per he information available with the Government, the quantity of drugs seized by various enforcement agencies in Delhi during the last three months is as given below:

(Provisional)

Name of the Drug	*Quantity seized (In kgs.)*		
	December 1991	*January 1992*	*February 1992*
Charas	29.272	30.355	-
Opium	1.460	1.813	-
Heroin	0.609	1.303	2.818
Ganja	10.000	19.500	-

No precise valuation of the narcotic drugs, which are often of indeterminate strength and composition, and are liable for destruction, is feasible.

(b) 154 persons were arrested. Appropriate action under the relevant law has been taken against the offenders.

Development of Sericulture in Karnataka

2918. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sent any plan for development of sericulture in he State to the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, whether the Governent have received any request to stop the import of silk as it would affect the interest of farmers in the state; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY FOR TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLO): (a) No, sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has recently decided, in the context of outbreak of pebrine disease which had affected production as well as prices of silk in the country, to import 200 metric tonnes of silk. The Government of Karnataka has not sough any review of his decision. Some of the Government sponsored organisations of karnataka hae approached the Cenral Silk Board for allocation of imported silk.

Revamping of Nabard

2919. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revamp the functioning of the National Bank for Agricuture and Rural Development for providing timely credit and other facilities to farmers, weavers, etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b).: National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been providing refinance facilities to the eligible banks to help them provide credit to farmers, weavers, etc. There is no proposal with the Government to revamp the functioning of NABARD.

Production of Cotton and Textiles by Various Sectors

2920. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: